



C. LESSIE HAMMONDS
Counsel for ORS

Office of Regulatory Staff
1401 Main Street
Suite 900
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 737-0800
ORS.SC.GOV

August 14, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Request for Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.314 and Telecommunications Act Section 254(e), Federal Communications Commission CC Docket No. 96-45 (Form 481); and Annual Reports for ETC
Docket No. 2020-14-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs.103-690.1.B(a), the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") is required to file this report addressing the 2020 Annual Reporting of Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (CETCs). Attachment A is a listing of Competitive Eligible Telecommunications carriers receiving Federal Low Income and High Cost Universal Service support. This listing does not include carriers of last resort which were designated as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers by the Commission. COLRs were not required file reports set out in 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs.103-690.1.B (a),

Details of the filed reports are as follow:

WIRELESS CARRIER RECEIVING HIGH COST SUPPORT:

- FTC Communications, LLC d/b/a FTC Wireless is the only competitive eligible telecommunications carrier receiving federal high cost support. ORS has received and reviewed the Annual Report filed by FTC Communications, LLC d/b/a FTC Wireless. FTC Wireless provided information related to its operations for the years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. FTC Wireless' report indicates that the federal support received by it is being used for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of

facilities and services for which the support is intended. The Company reported that the company completed work on 4 cell towers. Additionally, the report indicates the company plans to make updates to additional towers during the period 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

- Mayme T. Carsten, Officer for FTC Communications, LLC, filed an Affidavit with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina certifying that all the federal high-cost support provided to FTC Wireless was used during the preceding year and will be used in the coming year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading facilities and services for which such support is intended.

LOW INCOME COMPETITIVE ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS (“CETCS”)

All the Low Income (Lifeline only) CETCs listed in Attachment A have filed an annual report as required by Commission Regulation 103-690.1 as well as the FCC Form 481.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns regarding the matter above.

Sincerely,

s/ C. Lessie Hammonds

C. Lessie Hammonds

cc: All Parties of Record (via U.S. Mail)
David Butler, Esquire (via e-mail)